

Guidelines for Proxy Bidding

ChiKA can bid for you at the Sunday auction and mail the fish to you the next day, conditions permitting. Here are the steps for proxy bidding:

1. Mail a shipping box to Frank Carriglito, 4187 Leighton Downs Dr, Rockford, IL 61101-6064, or we can provide a box for \$5.00.

Include a check to cover the most you want to spend plus enough to cover return shipping. Make the check out to Chicago Killifish Association. You can also send the money via Pay Pal to yohoho1@comcast.net. When using Paypal, there is an added fee of ~3%

2. Send me the list of fish you want to bid on, and the most you are willing to pay for each species.

3. I (or another ChiKA member) will bid on your behalf, trying to get the best price, but we will not go over the amount you specify.

4. The fish will be sent the next day, conditions permitting. Any excess funds will be mailed in about a week or so. If you use PayPal, excess funds will be refunded via PayPal.

Some general guidelines:

1. Check the list of fish that are expected to be in the auction. This is updated frequently. You can update your need list by email up to 3:00 PM Saturday March 28. Email to yohoho1@comcast.net and put ChiKA PROXY BID LIST in the subject.

2. ChiKA can't guarantee the fish you buy. A knowledgeable ChiKA member will attempt to inspect the fish before the auction. If there is any doubt about the quality of the fish, we will err on the side of caution and not bid.

3. If you want more than one pair of a species, please indicate that. You can list them like this:

A. Species A \$25

B. Species A (2nd pair) \$20

4. We don't control the order of the fish being auctioned. We will bid on fish in the order they are auctioned. If you specify something like "Species A, but if you can't get that, get Species B," it is possible Species B comes up first. We won't bid on Species B since Species A is still up for auction, and you might not have the winning bid on Species A when it comes up, which means you get no fish. In general, the less complex your instructions, the more likely we will be able to get your fish.

5. Most auctions have some common fish at bargain prices at the end of the auction. It is a good way to get new genes in your fish room. If you want us to use some of your remaining funds for this, put them at the end of the list under Bargain Fish.

Questions? Email: yohoho1@comcast.net – Frank Carriglito